



# AGO Toledo

bridging our musical past and future...

## The Prelude

## March 2020



Happy Spring (almost)! I remember growing up that people would say that as you get older time goes faster. Of course, when you're young, that doesn't really set in. But as I have gotten older I've really seen how, each year, that rings more and more true. Every year we hear, "Can you believe it's already time for Easter/Christmas/etc.?" I always kind of thought, "Yes, it happens every year, why are you surprised?" Now, especially as I am responsible for planning liturgies and celebrations for the church year, I realize that Easter basically begins on December 26, Christmas starts in September or earlier, Confirmation is in a month and I've barely thought about, and my youngest child is set to begin High School next fall! Where does the time go?

With all of that, we are also nearing the end of our AGO program year. We have had some truly wonderful events and I hope you have taken advantage of at least some of them. This month we have our Student Recital coming up, and our Annual Banquet with a concert by a wonderful player, Stephen Smith, to follow. We also need people to step up as officers to replace those whose terms will be ending. If you are interested in helping guide our Chapter, please let us know ASAP! It is not a tremendous amount of work, but you get to work with some great people in planning and putting on our wonderful programs, and I know there are some fresh and interesting ideas out there that would benefit our chapter. And the time will go by fast! Please consider coming out and supporting our young organists at the Student Recital!

Dennis Johns  
Chapter Dean

**Sunday, March 22 - 3:00 PM**  
**Scholarship Winner's / Student Recital**  
**St. Lucas Lutheran Church, 745 Walbridge Ave., Toledo**

Scholarship winners Ben Garst, Felicity Goebel-Komala and Chris Nevarja will perform and well as John Depinet and Blake Depinet (a Heidelberg University student of Joan McConnell). A freewill offering will be received for the Toledo Chapter Scholarship Fund. Plan to attend and support our student organists.

**Spring Banquet and Recital**  
**Friday, May 1**  
**First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Broadway, Maumee**  
  
**Dinner at the church, 6:00 PM**  
**Concert at 7:30 PM Stephen Smith, organist**

**CHOIR OF NOTRE DAME DE PARIS**  
**TO PERFORM IN CLEVELAND**

*Group bus tour booking now*



The Cleveland Chapter of the AGO, in conjunction with the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Cleveland is welcoming the Choir of Notre Dame Cathedral de Paris in concert on Tuesday, April 21. Dennis Johns is organizing a bus tour for a day trip to Cleveland and to see the concert. We will leave St.

Joseph Parish Maumee at 9:00 a.m.; attend the Noon Mass at the Cathedral (and save our seats for the concert); take the bus down to the University Circle area for a few hours; head to Edwins French Restaurant for dinner; and then back to the Cathedral for the 7:00 concert, returning to St. Joseph immediately following. The cost of the bus is \$35, all other costs (museums, food) are at your own expense. The concert is free. Contact Dennis Johns at [dennis.johns@stjosephmaumee.org](mailto:dennis.johns@stjosephmaumee.org) if you have questions or would like to book your spot. The bus is already half full so don't wait too long! We have room for a total of 56 maximum. **A COMPLETE DESCRIPTION, SCHEDULE AND CONTACT INFORMATION IS ON THE CHAPTER WEBSITE - [CLICK HERE](#)**

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Schantz Organ Company announces the recent appointment of Luke Tegtmeier as Service Manager. "I am honored to take on this role with such an historic company," Tegtmeier said.

In addition to building new organs and restoring historic organs across the country, Schantz Organ Company regularly maintains nearly 200 organs throughout Ohio and surrounding states. These instruments range from the large Skinner concert instrument at Severance Hall in Cleveland to a new instrument at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Cincinnati. They also maintain many small instruments in parish churches and residences all over the region.

Tegtmeier grew up near Orrville, and has fond memories of the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Schantz. "I was in high school when Schantz had an Open House to celebrate their anniversary. I can remember being impressed at how much work goes into making a pipe organ when I toured the shop."

Tegtmeier went on to complete church music degrees from Valparaiso University and Luther Seminary. While a student at Valparaiso, he was a summer intern at the famous Henry Willis Company in Liverpool, England. After completing school, he held full-time music director positions at Episcopal and Lutheran churches in Minnesota before moving to Ohio. "I still enjoy playing for churches around the region – but I have to admit that I also enjoy getting an occasional Sunday morning off!"

Since starting at Schantz, his goal has been to grow the service department. "We have an incredible level of expertise about the pipe organ, and we could easily send two or three teams out on tuning trips every day. Since we maintain several instruments in the Toledo area, we can easily split travel expenses between clients to keep costs down."

If you would like more information about the Schantz Service Department, please contact [luke@schantzorgan.com](mailto:luke@schantzorgan.com).

## CONCERT CALENDAR

Graeme Shields, organist  
*Drones, Weights, & Ashley's Date*  
Saturday, March 28 - 7:30 PM  
First Congregational Church  
608 E. Williams St., Ann Arbor, MI  
Celebrating the 90th birthday of composer Robert Ashley  
More information [HERE](#)

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Nathan Laube, organist  
Dedicatory Recital for the Paul Fritts organ  
Thursday, April 16, 2020, 7:30 PM  
Christ Chapel, Hillsdale College (MI)

Free admission but ticket reservation required  
contact the Box Office at (517) 607-2848  
or [boxoffice@hillsdale.edu](mailto:boxoffice@hillsdale.edu)

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Richard Hills, organist  
Sunday, May 17 - 3:00 PM  
Organ Re-dedication  
St. John's Lutheran Church  
209 Southwest St., Bellevue

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### JoAnn McKelvey (1928-2020)

JoAnn McKelvey passed away peacefully on February 10, 2020. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on February 22 at Blessed Sacrament Church where she was Music Director & Organist for many years. While there she was responsible for the installation of the Reuter pipe organ in 1987. The choir of Blessed Sacrament under the direction and accompanied by Bob Rae along with several instrumentalists and vocalists provided the music. JoAnn was dean of the Toledo Chapter of the AGO from 1994-1996. Her obituary can be found [HERE](#).

The chapter website offers a wealth of information to members - job listings, events, & concerts throughout the region. You might also share the website with "organ enthusiasts" that you know. A great way to develop a thriving community of everyone who shares an interest in the organ.

[www.toledoago.org](http://www.toledoago.org)

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